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These indirect sources are the corporation tax, the collateral inheritance tax, which produces \$890,367.54; the special tax on the organization of corporations, and the succession tax imposed by the last Legislature by the Republicans. The people of New York pay no direct State tax, because Republican legislatures have had the sagacity to discover other sources of revenue than the farms, homes and personal property of the people. Not a scheme to relieve the people of State taxation and put it upon the wealth of the State exists that does not have the name of a Republican as its author. Besides, a State debt that amounted to many millions at the close of the war has been wiped out by the wise financial management of the Republicans. Indiana, however, will continue to lay the heavy hand of taxation upon the home and the farm because, by Democratic gerrymandering, it is doomed to be ruled by narrow and reactionary men. Under a wise policy the homes and farms of Indiana, like those of Pennsylvania and New York, would not be troubled by the tax-collector.

WORDS, AND NOTHING BUT WORDS.
 The Journal prints the second letter of Dr. Taylor on flat or no value money. It is the same old story—the threshing over of straw threshed a hundred times before, which never had a grain of wheat in it. He admits that a piece of paper upon which is printed "ten dollars" is of no value, but asks if Congress should order that there be printed on the same paper "This shall be a full legal tender at its face value for all dues public and private," if it would not perform all the functions of money wherever the laws of the United States extend? No; such a substitute for money has never fulfilled all the functions of money. Nation after nation has tried it and failed. Dr. Taylor, as an intelligent man, should know this. John Law tried what Dr. Taylor proposes, in France, in 1717, and in five years involved the nation in financial disaster. Again, legal-tender notes were issued in France, based upon the confiscated lands of the country, worth millions, by the element then in power, and the most stringent laws enacted to compel the people to take them as money, yet in six years they fell from nearly par in coin to have no value whatever, but filled the cities of France with starving people. The Continental Congress tried paper money with a promise to pay, attempted to compel people to take it for their goods, and punished Tories who would not, and yet, with an issue of about \$240,000,000, as the highest estimate, and with only a portion of it in circulation, it became utterly worthless, and could not be given value when the success of the American cause was assured. To these can be added the recent experience of the United States and the disasters in the Argentine Republic, fresh in the minds of all intelligent readers. Without a single exception, every nation which has issued paper money based upon land or with a promise of redemption in coin which it did not keep, has ended in financial disaster. These facts of history have taught average practical men that flat, no value or irredeemable paper money, no matter by whom issued, will end in financial disaster or ruin to the people resorting to it. The mass of people believe that experience is the best teacher. The flat money of which Dr. Taylor speaks, issued by Congress, could be forced upon creditors, who, for the most part, are the depositors in savings banks, the holders of life-insurance policies and investors in the shares of loan and building associations, and upon labor, which must live, but the capitalist, who takes care of himself, has his obligations made payable in gold. The masses would be swindled. Such is the lesson of history.

The legal-tender silver dollar, Dr. Taylor says, is one-fifth flat money. Under certain conditions it would be, but as the issue has always been limited and has now been stopped, the quantity issued can be used in the country upon the gold basis; but make the coinage of silver free, and the silver dollar would then be on its own intrinsic value, and while the creditor could be made to take it where he has not taken the precaution to have gold written in his contract, the silver dollar would purchase but four-fifths as much wheat, sugar, etc., as would the gold dollar if the present difference in the values of the metals should hold.

Dr. Taylor is pleased to call going over and over these matters, the making of absurd statements about the Barings, disputing about the quotations of stocks when there is nothing to dispute over and would not bear upon the subject if there was, "discussion," but to people who have learned from the experience of nations that money, to perform its functions in civilization, must be limited to the world's stock of gold and silver, or paper immediately redeemable in them, it is wearisome chatter. That the precious metals and paper redeemable in them or based upon them are money, is the conviction of the commercial world, and needs to be discussed when an argument is necessary to sustain the axiom that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points. Furthermore, if the subject of money were open to discussion it would be a waste of time and space to argue with one who denies that the confederate treasury notes were legal tender, when upon the face of all of the earlier issues it is stated that they are "receivable in payment of all dues except export dues," or with one who avers that Secretary Winmon redeemed \$30,000,000 of four-and-a-half-per-cent bonds during the stringency of November, 1890, to aid Jay Gould, when, as a matter of fact, Mr. Gould's interests would have been better served by a continuation of the stringency, and moreover, nothing can be arrived at in a controversy in which one is so unkind of accurate statement as to declare that "the Journal has said that the rate of interest was 185 per cent," when the full statement of the Journal was that "speculative interest rose as high as 185 and closed at 6 per cent, while mercantile paper was quoted

at from 8 to 9 per cent." For these last reasons, namely, the general and persistent inaccuracy of statement and the perversion of the Journal's statements, anything like "discussion" would be out of the question, if it were necessary. Therefore, the Journal must courteously refuse to continue the waste of space upon a topic which is no more a matter of dispute than the correctness of the multiplication table.

DR. SMYTHE AND THE KEELY CURE.
 The News, of this city, publishes the substance of a paper recently read by Dr. G. C. Smythe, of Greencastle, in which he attacks the so-called Keely cure for drunkenness as a fraud which does no more harm than good. The News vouchers for Dr. Smythe as "one of the most learned men in Indiana." If this be true, he is, in the opinion of the Journal, putting his learning to very poor use in trying to bring ridicule and contempt on a treatment which thousands of persons who have taken it are daily testifying has done them incalculable good, and which thousands of families are blessing for what it has done for some loved one. Admit that the originator of the Keely cure claims too much for it in claiming that it is a permanent as well as a specific cure for the drink habit; admit that some of those who have apparently been cured by the treatment do relapse and go back to their cups; admit that Dr. Keely's advertising methods are in open violation of the medical code; admit all that can be truthfully said against him or his treatment, and the fact remains that hundreds, or perhaps thousands, of persons have been at least temporarily cured of the taste and desire for intoxicating liquors, and a very large proportion of these seem to be permanently cured. It saves more of ignorance than of learning, more of intolerance than of liberality, and more of cruelty than humanity to assert that such a treatment is doing more harm than good. It would be quite as reasonable to assert and as easy to prove that the whole science and practice of medicine is a fraud because a large proportion of those treated by physicians die, and all who are so treated get sick again sometime or other. For God's sake, and humanity's sake, if even a small part of those who try the Keely cure are benefited thereby let the regular practitioners keep hands off until they can offer something better or half as good.

Dr. Smythe, in his paper on the subject, rebashes the threadbare and commonplace talk about drunkenness by hereditary drunkenness as a disease, etc., as if there were anything new in this, either to the profession or to laymen. That branch of the subject has been discussed *ad nauseam*. Dr. Smythe's conclusion, in effect, is that whom God has made a drunkard man cannot cure. The conclusion begs the question, and is simply a bit of professional arrogance. The question whether the Keely treatment can cure, or help to cure, the drink habit is not to be settled by *a priori* arguments as to the impossibility of effecting such cure by medical treatment. One living case of accomplished cure is worth all the *a priori* arguments in the world on that point, and there are hundreds of such cases. Even if it is nothing more than a moral aid or a faith cure, if it accomplishes good results, in heaven's name, let it alone.

Dr. Smythe seems to have been at great pains to collect statistics of those who have taken the treatment and afterwards relapsed. How would he like to have the results of his own practice tested the same way? Perhaps if he will take equal pains to ascertain the number of those who have taken the treatment and not relapsed, he will feel more like saying something in favor of the cure and less like preaching the incurability of drunkenness. The cure has at least given faith, hope and courage to many persons who have not been able to find it elsewhere. There is nothing in Dr. Smythe's arraignment of it to cause faith in anything except the inevitability of the devil.

The Sentinel publishes an interview with Chairman Jewett, of the Democratic State central committee, in which, replying to a question as to the party's prospects in the next election, he says: "Oh, we can win and carry the State for the Democracy if we begin soon enough and work hard enough. Mark me, I say we can win. Whether we shall or not depends on ourselves. But we ought to look the matter squarely in the face. There is nothing to be gained by deceiving ourselves. Indiana is a close and doubtful State, and we have a strong and unscrupulous enemy to contend with. Of course, we carried the State by nearly twenty thousand plurality at the last election, but you must not lose sight of the fact that a vast number of men who are entitled to vote did not go to the polls in 1890. As compared with 1888 we lost over 37,000 votes and the Republicans nearly 40,000. Deducting the 17,000 which the labor and prohibition parties gained you will see that over 50,000 men did not vote in 1890. How they will feel next November one can't say, but they will vote and determine the election in Indiana."

Republicans should make a note of this. It is equivalent to an admission that Indiana is no more naturally Democratic than it is naturally Republican, and that the party which does the most effective "hustling" will win. Mr. Jewett admits what the figures plainly show, that the Democratic "victory" last year was due to Republican apathy and absenteeism, aided by accidental circumstances which worked in favor of the Democracy. His figures show that there are Republicans enough in Indiana to carry the State whenever they all turn out and vote.

The refusal of the House of Representatives to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to charter a vessel to carry contributions to the famine sufferers in Russia places Congress in rather a humiliating position. The recent letter of the Secretary of the Navy and the favorable action of the Senate had led to the belief that there would be no opposition to the measure, but the action of the House puts a quietus upon it so far as congressional action is concerned. For the reputation of the country it would have been better if the question of government transportation had never been raised in Congress than to have had it voted down. Had the question not been raised there could have been no ground for a charge of unfriendliness.

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